

Zoning Bylaw Working Group (RSG)
September 5, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Mike Byrne, Pamela Heidell, Charles Kalaskas, Christian Klein, Jenny Raitt, Stephen Revilak, David Watson, Ralph Willmer, John Worden, Erin Zwirko

Erin welcomed the Working Group to their second meeting. Erin introduced the main topic of conversation as being the scope of work provided by Lisa Wise Consulting for the sign regulations update. She provided an overview of the scope of work and schedule.

In addition, the Working Group discussed the stakeholders that should be engaged as part of the work. Members of the Working Group suggested the following stakeholders:

- Religious institutions,
- Business community,
- Town boards and commissions, for consistency across town signage,
- Historical Commission and Historic District Commission,
- Schools,
- Public Works Department,
- Select Board, and
- Groups that may be more inclined to use and produce temporary signage.

The Working Group also discussed the community meeting identified in the scope of work. The Working Group identified the week of October 22 as a potential option.

The Working Group discussed the benefits of putting the sign regulations in the Town Bylaws versus the Zoning Bylaws. This will be something that the consultant will need to identify as the schedule approaches Town Meeting next year. Mike noted that if the regulations are in the Town Bylaws, then anyone can enforce the requirements. If they remain in the Zoning Bylaws, it falls to Inspectional Services.

John asked if there was a need for this particular project. Erin responded that it was identified as a component of the recodification process that was too substantial to be incorporated into that project. Additionally, the case *Reed v. Gilbert*, a Supreme Court case, requires that sign regulations be content neutral, so there is a need to make revisions as soon as possible.

The Working Group discussed the meeting summary. John suggested some edits after a clarification. Steve also offered a clarification. Charlie made a motion to accept the meeting summary as amended, Steve seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.